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TAGS: CIVAIR

SUBJECT: CARIBBEAN AIRWAYS APPLICATION

REF: BRIDGETOWN A-035, JUNE 17, 1977

1. IN COURSE OF COURTESY CALL ON DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER BERNARD ST. JOHN MORNING OF AUGUST 5, ST. JOHN, WHO IS ALSO MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR CIVIL AVIATION MATTERS, RAISED QUESTION OF PENDING APPLICATION TO CAB BY CARIBBEAN AIRWAYS FOR ROUTE RIGHTS TO BOSTON AND WASHINGTON. ST. JOHN EMPHASIZED THAT QUESTION WAS ONE WHICH WHOLE GOB REGARDED AS TOUCHSTONE OF USG-GOB RELATIONS. GIVEN IMPORTANCE TO BARBADOS OF TOURIST INDUSTRY, THIS COUNTRY COULD NOT BE DEPENDENT WHOLLY ON FOREIGN CARRIERS. BARBADOS HAD TRIED TO MEET CAB REQUIREMENTS BUT CAB HAD TO APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT A SMALL COUNTRY COULD NOT ESTABLISH ITS OWN AIRLINE OVERNIGHT. THE ISSUE COULD NOT BE DECIDED SOLELY ON THE BASIS OF TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS; FOR THE GOB, IT WAS ESSENTIALLY A POLITICAL MATTER AND THE CAB MUST TAKE POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS INTO ACCOUNT. OTHER GOVERNMENTS, MOST RECENTLY THE CANADIAN, HAD BEEN MORE FORTHCOMING THAN THE USG, ST. JOHN AVERRED.

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2. COMMENT: THE FORCEFUL PRESENTATION MADE BY THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER LEFT NO DOUBT IN MY MIND AS TO THE IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHES TO CARIBBEAN AIRWAYS' APPLICATION. I TOLD ST. JOHN THAT I WOULD HAVE THE NEWLY ARRIVED DCM MEET WITH HIS PERMANENT SECRETARY, IAN ARCHER, EARLY NEXT WEEK TO EXPLORE SPECIFICS IN THIS REGARD.  
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